

St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church

(Handicapped Accessible)

215 Main Street East, New Prague, MN 56071

website: <http://www.saintwenceslaus.org>



May 17, 2009



Our readings for today are all about love. God's love breaks through all our barriers-race, class, and creed. Our love for each other must be like God's.

Because God is love, we must love one another. In fact, it is *only* in loving one another that we can come to know God, for "whoever is without love does not know God" (1Jn 4:8). God's love came first. If we realize this, then God's love will overflow to those around us. The Spirit often sends us beyond our comfort zone to marginal people, to people from a different ethnic group, a different political ethnic group, a different political persuasion, or to estranged family members.

Today let us be mindful of the Lord's love for us, and his desire to truly be our friend. If we realize this then how can we be anything but loving toward each other, and how could our joy be anything less than complete?

Welcome to St. Wenceslaus Parish

If you do not have a church home, we would be honored to have you as part of our church family.

If you have moved, or have other needs,

Please fill this out & drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office.

- New Parishioner
- I have moved, here is my new address
- I have changed my phone number
- I am moving, please remove me from the parish
- I would like a visitor from the parish
- I am going to the hospital, please call me.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

6th Sunday of Easter

From the Principals Desk,

Dear Parishioners of Saint Wenceslaus,

Our school year is coming to a quick ending as we put the final concerts together, the final appreciation events, the final recognitions, and our graduation ceremonies. It has been a wonderful year for the school and for all of the children who attend. We see so much progress as they mature into students with a greater sense of their spirituality, awareness of the world around them, stronger in the academics, and more skilled in many different areas. Our ending is bittersweet as we are moving at a rapid pace now but yet all look forward to the summer months ahead. It seems as if we just get everyone on track and then we need to end.

Thanks to all of our school parents who have worked so hard to send their children to our school, our School Board who has had to deal with many tough issues as they try to keep the school vital in the years ahead, to the Home and School Association who work endless hours to make our school a fun place to be, to those who helped and participated in our fundraising events, and to all who supported us with your gifts and prayers. We are very grateful for each and everyone who pulled together as a community to keep Catholic Education alive and growing here at St. Wenceslaus.

As we look to the upcoming year in fall, our challenges will be even greater. With a difficult economy families have to really stretch their dollars. Our tuition will be going up greatly and so finding solutions to our financial needs are central to carrying on the critical ministry of the Catholic School within our parish life. We will need more prayers, more volunteers, more support, more fundraising, and more generous gifts. As of this date, 18% of our students have qualified for financial assistance for the next school year. This amounts to over \$125,000.00 needed to help needy families pay for their tuition. This amount is larger than ever. We need your help and the help of all of our parish families who are able.

Our school has almost 320 students registered for the fall. We are strong in our instruction and are making a few changes to make our school even more beneficial for the students who are enrolled. We have changed our kindergarten options, added a second preschool session, switched some of the staff around, purchased some new curriculum through grant monies, and restructured our entire middle school program. Our first and foremost goal in making these changes is improving our offerings for your children. We ask you to pray for our success, offer to help us if you can, make a donation to help a needy family afford the tuition, or keep us in mind when resources come your way in the future. As a Catholic School, we do not have government funding, we do not get your tax dollars for our school, and we do not have any magic source to get our funding. All of our funding comes from the families who send their kids here and from the generosity of those who wish to donate to our cause. And our cause is worth every bit of hard work that we put into it. Our cause has but one purpose and mission, and that is to educate children in their Faith through the structure of the academics.

Faith and the teaching of our faith are embedded into the day-to-day, moment-by-moment routines within the school under the leadership of our fine Catholic School teachers and staff. St.

May 17, 2009

Wenceslaus is a Catholic School that is filled with sign's of God's presence.

Kim Doyle, St. Wenceslaus Principal

Our apologies to Jackie Tupy who was confirmed on May 13th but her name was omitted from the bulletin last week.

BIBLE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

May 18: Acts 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4a

May 19: Acts 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11

May 20: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15

May 21: Acts 1:1-11; Mk 16:15-20

May 22: Acts 18:9-18; Jn 15:20-23

May 23: Acts 18:23-28; Jn 16:23b-28

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Prayer shawls: Please call Kathy at 758-3591 or Lynn at 758-2115 to join the prayer shawl ministry, to donate yarn, or to obtain a shawl to give to someone who is celebrating a birthday, going thru a tough time due to unemployment, disease, or grieving. The shawl is a reminder that the parishioners are praying for that person.

BEVCOMM UPDATE:

The camera used for taping Sunday Mass is getting repaired. During this time frame Bevcomm will continue to air previously taped Masses. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

The May Birthday celebrations will be held May 21st in the church basement following 8 AM Mass.

PARISH NEWS

Our Act of Faith *Weekly Financial Gifts*

Actual for the week 5/10/09.....	\$ 12,537
Over Budget YTD.....	\$ -1,613
Next Week Budget 5/17/09.....	\$ 14,150

*Please remember St. Wenceslaus Endowment Fund
in your wills and other estate planning.*

**Memorial Day Mass will be held in the cemetery
on Monday, May 25, at 9:30 AM.**

(Bring your Chair)

The Parish Office will be closed on Memorial Day.

Clean up Day for the cemetery will be June 9th. All potted plants, flowers, artificial flowers, grave ornaments and stands not compliant with cemetery regulations will be marked and available for pickup by the cemetery garage. They will be available there for two weeks and then they will be discarded. Thank you.

Donut Sunday has concluded until next September.

Starting June 1st W & C Services will be held in the church.

A Memorial Blood Drive will be held Wed. May 20th from

6th Sunday of Easter

1-7 PM at Queen of Peace in Conference Center. Call 758-8190 to schedule an appointment.

Attention: All Soon to be Sixth Graders and student older-

If you are interested in becoming an altar server please pick up and complete the registration form in the back of church. You may return them in a basket in the East Sacristy or you may drop it off at the church office. Training will be held sometime in August. Call Susan Rousseau with any questions at 758-6916.

All Current Altar Servers you are required to re-commit to this ministry by re-registering. Please grab a registration sheet in the back of church and return it in the East Sacristy or church office. If a registration form is not received you will not be scheduled. Call Susan Rousseau with any questions at 758-6916.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF THE GREEN TEAM?

We are very proud of our beautiful gardens. Fourth graders and their helpers will be planting annuals soon. We also continue to add perennials.

The Mary Garden is our focus this year. Thank you to *Audrey Bendzick* for her donation to purchase plants for this special garden. We welcome other donations or memorials for plants, benches, trellises, and other landscape features that will be added through the years.

We depend on individuals and families to help keep our flowers and shrubs looking good all summer.

Please consider volunteering to:

*Help plant flowers May 18th (one scheduled day)

*Volunteer for a week to help weed and water gardens as needed

**“Adopt” a garden or group of flowerpots for the summer.

About 50 families volunteered last year, and we would like to have even more this year. If you have any questions please contact Kathy McNamara at

kathy.mcnamara@saintwenceslaus.org



CCW UPDATE- Please join us May 18th for our last meeting until Sept. We will begin with the rosary. You are invited to bring a rosary that is sentimental and share your story.

Do you love to sew? For some years now Nancy Musil has blessed us with her talent in making baptismal gowns. If you are interested please contact Theresa Mader at 758-6388.

CCW is grateful for the service and time dedicated to the organization by our 2008/2009 officers. Renee Brod, President; Theresa Mader, Vice President; Mary Pieper, Secretary, Mary Amundsen Treasurer. We congratulate our 2009-2010 officers: Theresa Mader, President; Mary Wick, Vice President; Mary Pieper, Secretary; LuAnn Wick, Treasury

2009 CALENDAR CORNER

Thank you to Mosaic Alley for being this week's calendar sponsor.

Congratulations to the following winners:

5/11 #2996 Arnie Schoenbauer 5/12 # 3432 Melissa Trnka

5/13 # 2138 Ronny Krautkremer 5/14 # 4050 Lois Nanik

5/15 # 1860 Violet Hrabe 5/16 # 2356 William Masberg

5/17 # 3764 Viola Gericke

May 17, 2009



Class of 2009: If you have not notified us if you *are* or *are not* planning to attend the Baccalaureate Mass and Breakfast on May 31, please do so today. You can call Laura at 952.758.5131 or Lori at 952.758.5863. You can also e-mail me at laura.schoenecker@saintwenceslaus.org. We need every student accounted for – so please let us know. Join your classmates and faith community as we celebrate your High School graduation. Thank you.

Attention class of 2010 - If you are a registered, active Youth Alive member, make sure you get signed up for your Senior Retreat. Watch the mail for more details. The registration deadline is May 18.

SCHOOL NEWS

All grandparents are invited to the school for our grandparent's day celebrations. Join us on Tuesday, May 19 at 8:30 AM in the church for a Living Rosary and May Crowning or on Wednesday, May 20 for Mass at 8:00 AM. You may use any school entrance to join us. Grandparents can see the classrooms or enjoy treats in the parish activity center after our prayer services.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The 8th annual SWS Golf Tournament is just around the corner. Mark you calendars for Friday, June 19th at Creeks Bend Golf Course. Sponsor a hole or get a foursome together and join us for a relaxing afternoon on the golf course. Sponsorship and Golf Registration forms can be downloaded from the school's website - saintwenceslaus.org. Please contact Ann Marie Witt at 952-758-9573 if you have any questions.

Interested in getting involved with SWS's Alumni Association? A formal group is now organizing. Contact the Development Office at 758-9573 today.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, May 18:

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
CCW Meeting, 7-9 PM, Church Basement

Tuesday, May 19: Grandparents Day

Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Separated/ Divorce Support Group, 7-9 PM, Pius X Room

Wednesday, May 20:

Early AM scripture study, 6:45-7:50 AM, Pius X Room
Fatima Prayer Cell after AM service, Chapel
Morning Bible Study, 9:30-11 AM, Pius X Room
Home & School Meeting, 7-9 PM, Parish House

Friday, May 21:

Adoration, 9AM-11PM, Chapel

Saturday May 22:

Fr. Kevin's Bible Study, 9:30-11AM, Pius X Room

6th Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2009

PARISH LITURGY

M-F Rosary 7:30 AM Sat. at 8:00 AM

Monday, May 18

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

Tuesday, May 19 **Grandparents Day**

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

8:35 AM.....Living Rosary

Wednesday, May 20 **Grandparents Day**

8 AM.....3rd Grade Mass

Thursday, May 21

8 AM.....Word & Communion Service

10:30.....Anointing at Mala Strana

Friday, May 22

8 AM.....Mass

Saturday, May 23.....

2 PM.....Wedding of Melissa Kotek & Chris Dickmann

5 PM.....Dan Pexa, Geraldine Dohmen, Lloyd Svoboda,

.....Edward & Martha Matyas, Ted Smith, Billy Tupy

Sunday, May 24.....**Baptisms**

8:30 AM.....Eugene Schoenbauer, Evelyn Lang

10:30 AM.....John & Dorothy Hamer, Julias Svoboda & Family

Monday, May 25.....**Memorial Day**

9:30 AM.....Mass at Cemetery